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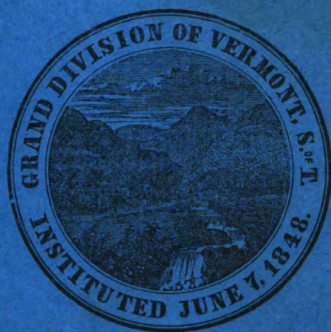
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QUARTERLY SESSION.

HALL OF MOUNT NEBO DIVISION, No. 9, }
MIDDLEBURY, January 16, 1851. }

THE Grand Division convened at 10 o'clock, A. M. G. W. P.
R. A. SEVERANCE in the chair. Officers absent, G. Ch. Rev. H.
H. Smith, G. Con. Rev. J. Sargeant, G. Sen. R. Tute.

Vacancies filled by the chair.

Opened in form.

The chair appointed Brothers Teny. Sanborn and Underwood,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials read the following

REPORT.

Your Committee on Credentials, would report that they find the
following named individuals' credentials correct:

Bennington Division, No. 1. P. W. P. Charles W. Grover.

Mount Nebo Division, No. 9. P. W. P.'s, C. C. Huntington,
John H. Simmons, Justus Cobb, James M. Gordon and H. N. Up-
son, and W. P. Cyrus G. Myrick.

Hawks Mountain Division, No. 15. W. P., A. G. Fletcher.

Ludlow Division, No. 16. P. W. P.'s S. A. Boynton, Wm. B.
Pratt, C. H. Chapman, and W. P. Wm. S. Atwood.

White River Division, No. 18. P. W. P.'s Jonathan Kinney
and Ebenezer Atwood.

Rochester Division, No. 20. W. P., Albert T. Greeley.

Cold Spring, Division, No. 23. W. P. Simeon Smith.

Eureka Division, No. 31. P. W. P.'s Wm. P. Huntington,
F. A. Leland, F. M. T. Powell, Elias Sanderson, Wm. Dewey
and W. P. Wm. Hartshorn.

Shoreham Division, No. 32. P. W. P.'s J. W. Little, Rowland Birchard, Cyrus P. Fobes and Ira G. Bascom.

Excelsior Division, No. 34. P. W. P.'s Wm. Sanborn and Franklin Fairbanks.

Chimney Point Division, No. 35. P. W. P.'s Wm. Reeves, Rector Gage, Benjamin Abbott, David V. Chambers, and W. P. Charles Stickles.

Good Samaritan Division, No. 39, P. W. P.'s T. U. Merrill and M. Ware.

Pittsfield Division, No. 47. P. W. P., A. W. Beard and W. P. E. T. Upham.

Mountain Spring Division, No. 49. W. P. W. F. Manley.

Champlain Division, No. 54. P. W. P. A. S. Clark.

Marble Valley Division, No. 52. P. W. P's. J. B. Proctor, F. F. Smith and L. B. Smith.

H. S. TENY,	} Committee.
D. UNDERWOOD,	
WM. SANBORN.	

Adopted.

Resolutions of Grand Division of Georgia and communication from Plattville Division, No. 5, of Wisconsin, severally read and laid on the table.

Communication from Lamoille Division, No. 33, read and referred to a special committee, brothers Chapman, Southard and Fletcher.

Bro. Southard was appointed on the committee to fix the salary of the G. S. in the absence of bro. Poland.

The Chair appointed brothers Chambers, Dorrance and Huntley Committee on Appeals.

The appeal of bro. Smith, of No. 33 and the appeal of bro. Southard of No. 38, were severally read and referred.

The G. Con. announced in waiting brothers W. S. Atwood, W. B. Pratt, Simeon Smith, Benjamin Abbott, Rector Gage, W. Reeves, Chas. Stickles, Franklin Fairbanks, A. S. Clarke, T. M. Merrill, M. Weare, A. T. Greeley, W. F. Manley, W. Dewey, W. Hartshorn, F. A. Leland, F. M. T. Powell, E. Sanderson, J. B. Douglass, A. W. Beard, E. T. Upham, J. W. Little, R. Birchard, J. M. Gordon, J. B. Proctor, F. C. Smith, L. B. Smith and W. C. Durant, who were introduced and initiated in due form.

The chair appointed brothers Reeves, Upson and Huntingtor auditors.

The resolutions of the Grand Division of Georgia were taken

from the table, and referred to a special committee, brothers Spaulding, Dewey and Fobes.

Adjourned to 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened in due form.

The G. Con. announced brothers Jonathan Kinney, Ebenezer Atwood, H. W. Walker and Ira G. Bascom in waiting, who were introduced and initiated in due form.

Bro. Spaulding read the following report :

To the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, now in session :

Your committee to take into consideration the propriety of giving our G. Scribe some compensation for his services, respectfully report, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be given as a compensation each quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SPAULDING,	} Committee.
DANIEL LOTHIAN,	
S. M. SOUTHARD.	

Adopted.

The Committee on the Resolutions of the Grand Division of Georgia, presented the following report :

To the Grand Division S. of T. now in session :

Your Committee to take into consideration the following resolution of the Grand Division of Georgia :

“ Resolved, That this Grand Division regard the late action of the National Division, in rescinding from the obligation the words “ in this respect,” calculated to effect much harm to the cause of Temperance in Georgia,” having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report : That they consider the alteration made by the National Division advisable, and are constrained to report adversely to any alteration.

J. C. SPAULDING,	} Committee.
JACOB DEWEY,	
C. P. FOBES.	

Adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from No. 33 read the following report :

To the Grand Division of Vermont, S. of T. :

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from Lamaille Division, No. 33, S. of T., relative to the constitutionality of the action of said Division, upon the matter of directing the

F. S. of that Division to take promissory notes of the delinquent or non paying brothers, made payable to the W. P. or bearer, as collateral security for such dues—beg leave respectfully to report :

That in the opinion of your committee the taking of such promissory notes, if not unconstitutional—is at least impolitic and unnecessary, for the following reasons—among others, to wit. :

1st, Sons of Temperance in respect of their conduct and obligations stand upon their pledges of sacred honor. All Divisions of Sons of Temperance should be peculiarly cautious in adopting any course of proceedings calculated to invite disagreement among individual members—and *especially* so to avoid any measures tending to involve, directly or indirectly any Division, or members thereof, in litigation, or collecting suits at law. Your committee believe that notes taken as *collateral security* merely, would be void, or at least voidable and beyond the contemplated authority of the Constitution of Sons of Temperance. Article XI., Section 1, of Constitution, contemplates the *payment* of a stipulated sum per week, and the By-Laws of each Subordinate Division provides the remedy in case brothers do not keep their pledge in that respect. We cannot compel men to be faithful, by other means than those contemplated by our rules and regulations. And your committee believe every *true son* will pay his dues in *cash*, as readily as by note and if he be *poor*, and cannot command immediate funds for that purpose, he may as well, and with less inconvenience and far less circuity of dealing, borrow the amount of some individual member, and give that *brother* his promissory note, and pay the money directly to the F. S. of the Division, as to adopt the course of No. 33. If a note is good as collateral security to the W. P. or bearer—in his capacity of an officer of the Division, it is entitled to the same value when given to him in his individual character. And if any brother will give his promissory note to the Division, he will be very likely to be willing to execute the same when payable to any member, or any person, and that note if of *any* value is as available to the payee as it would be to the Division, thereby saving all question or probability of dispute, involving the uncertainty of law. Therefore,

Resolved, That any action of this Grand Division at the present time—or any additional rule or law touching the matter of the said communication for Division No. 33 is uncalled for, and unnecessary.

Resolved furthermore, That the aforesaid communication be laid on the table.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

CLARK H. CHAPMAN,	} <i>Committee.</i>
S. M. SOUTHARD,	
A. G. FLETCHER,	

Middlebury, Jan. 16, 1851.

Report and resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Appeals presented a report, which was amended on motion of bro. Lothian, and adopted as follows :

To the Grand Division of Vermont :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of bro. S. M. Southard, from the action of Phoenix Division, No. 38, submit the following report :

It appears bro. McLaughlin had a withdrawal card, and before the expiration of the year, returned his card to the Division, and claimed his seat, without any action of the Division.

Your committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of bro. S. M. Southard be sustained and bro. McLaughlin comply with Article 4, Section 10, of the By-Laws of No. 38.

D. V. CHAMBERS, for Committee.

Middlebury, Jan. 16, 1851.

The committee on appeals read the following report :

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Vt, in session at Middlebury, Jan. 16, 1851 :

Your committee appointed on the appeal of bro. H. H. Smith, of Lamaille Division, No. 33, relative to the action of that Division in appropriating a portion of its funds to brothers J. and A. G. West and Mr. Fiske, on account of their losses by fire, beg leave to report,

That your committee have no means of knowing the facts upon which the action of said Division was based, and therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of this appeal.

Your committee further ask for the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance are not insurance offices against losses of members by fire or

flood, and that it is unconstitutional for any Division to appropriate its funds as benefits, except in cases of sickness or disability.

D. V. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

Laid on the table.

Bro. R. L. Fuller, was introduced by the G. Con. duly obligated and took his seat in the Grand Division.

The Grand Division took a recess till 6 1-2 o'clock.

Opened in form.

The report of the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of bro. H. H. Smith, was called up, and the question being taken on the adoption of the resolution reported by the committee, it was rejected. On motion, the Grand Division voted to reconsider the vote rejecting the resolution, and the report and resolution were laid upon the table.

Bros. J. G. Spaulding and A. G. Fletcher in behalf of Hawks Mountain Division, No. 15, surrendered the charter of said Division, which were accepted by the Grand Division, and cards of clearance voted to J. C. Spaulding, A. G. Fletcher, Joseph Freeman, David Burlingame and John Spaulding.

Bro. Fairbanks presented the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the G. S. be instructed to write to the several Subordinate Divisions, who have *habitually* neglected to send in their returns *the first week* of the quarter, informing them that the Grand Division regret their dilatoriness in that particular, and expect that in future, there will be more promptness on their part.

Resolved, That the G. S. is hereby directed to withhold the next quarterly P. W. from the D. G. W. P. in such Subordinate Divisions as have not made returns for the present quarter, advising them of the cause of such withholding.

Adopted.

Bro. Lothian offered a resolution, which was amended by inserting "G. W. A." and adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That the G. W. P. and G. W. A. be appointed a committee to procure the services of a competent lecturer to present the claims of our order upon the good people of the State of Vermont, and also to organize Divisions wherever practicable, and that one hundred dollars, if necessary, be appropriated for such object.

Bro. Chapman moved the following :

Voted, To raise a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to examine the rules and regulations of the Order, and report at the next meeting of the Grand Division, relative to the property on

hand, by Subordinate Divisions, when they surrender their charters, or when their charters are taken from them, which was agreed to, and Bros. Chapman, Whipple and Fairbanks were appointed. The Auditors reported the account of Bro. Jacob Dewey of \$1,75, for a trunk purchased by him for the G. D. correct, and it was ordered to be paid. On motion of Bro. Spaulding, the thanks of the G. D. were unanimously tendered to Mt. Nebo Division for the use of their Hall.

The business of the G. D. being completed, it was closed in usual form.

WM. W. WELLS, G. S.

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QUARTERLY SESSION.

HALL OF BLACK RIVER DIVISION, No. 12. }
SPRINGFIELD, April 22, 1851. }

A regular quarterly session commenced at 10 o'clock A. M.
G. W. P., R. A. SEVERANCE in the chair. Officers present, G.
W. P., R. A. Severance, G. S., W. W. Wells.

All other officers absent.

Vacancies filled by the G. W. P.

The G. D. was opened with the usual ceremonies.

Wm. B. Pratt and Wm. L. Atwood of No. 16, and Geo. Kimball, Jr. of No. 12, was appointed Committee on Credentials and Returns, who reported the credentials of the following brothers correct :

Concordia Division, No. 2. P. W. P., O. Stark and W. P., H. K. Godfrey.

Ascutney Division, No. 6. P. W. P.'s, Cyrus S. Johnson, Oliver Markham, E. Cleaveland, Elmon Benton, W. H. Skinner, R. C. Pierce and Edward Brown, and W. P., T. B. Sheldon.

Black River Division, No. 12. P. W. P., Enoch Cutler, and W. P., Wm. H. Albee.

Ludlow Division, No. 16. P. W. P., Wm. A. Bacon, and W. P., Rufus Young.

Williams River Division, No. 17. P. W. P., Prescott Heald, and W. P., Th. R. Clark.

Cold Spring Division, No. 23. W. P., J. N. Farr.

Friendship Division, No. 29. P. W. P., D. A. Green.

Good Samaritan Division, No. 39. W. P., B. W. Burt.

Pittsfield Division, No. 47. P. W. P., Ira Beard.

Thetford Division, No. 51. P. W. P.'s, Royal Farnsworth and Hiram B. Sloan.

Mount Nebo Division, No. 9. P. W. P., Justus Cobb,

W. P., David Smith of *Saxton River Division*, No. 22, without credentials, was admitted, and directed to file his credentials with the G. S. on his return.

The G. Con. reported the following Representatives in waiting, who were introduced, initiated and assigned seats in the Grand Division :

Thomas R. Clark, Anson Williams, William H. Albee, R. A. Hodge, David Smith, Ira Beard, Prescott Heald, Rufus Young, J. A. Slack, Royal Farnsworth, H. B. Sloan, B. W. Burt, D. J. Green, E. Cleaveland, E. Brown, R. C. Pierce, E. Cutler, T. B. Sheldon, J. N. Farr and O. Starkey.

The chair appointed B. W. Burt, Anson Williams and Justus Cobb, Committee on Appeals.

Ephraim Cleaveland, Ira Beard. and Prescott Heald, Auditors.

The appeal of P. S. Fuller of Good Samaritan Division, No. 39, was read and referred.

The Grand Division took a recess till 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened in form.

The G. W. P. read the following

REPORT.

To the Grand Division of Vermont, S. of T. :

WORTHY BROTHERS :

You have again convened, to deliberate upon such measures, as, in your judgment, shall best promote the purity, unity, harmony and efficiency of our noble and philanthropic institution.

In entering upon the important and responsible duties of the session, it is becoming in us, first of all, to present to God, our united thank-offering, for the manifestations of His favor towards us, as an order ; in our feeble endeavors to diffuse, among our fellow men, the blessings of " temperance, benevolence, and brotherly regard ;" and to implore the continuance of His smiles, that success may crown our combined efforts to discountenance the use, and suppress the soul-destroying traffic, in intoxicating poisons, throughout our land and world.

At the last session of this honorable body at Middlebury, bro. Daniel Lothian and myself were associated, to procure some competent person to present the claims of the order, to the friends of temperance, and the public, in some of our northern counties, and

where practicable to institute Divisions. Soon after the close of the session, I addressed a letter to bro. D. N. Merritt, of Massachusetts, but found him under a previous engagement to the Grand Division of Connecticut. Bro. Lothian also addressed bro. Charles W. Slack, of Boston, to ascertain whether his services could be obtained, and received from him a satisfactory reply. And accordingly bro. Slack entered upon the duties of his agency and continued in the field till about the 20th of March. Several new Divisions have been added to the Order, as the result of his labors, and applications are in progress for others, which have not yet been organized. For a particular account of his mission, permit me to refer you to bro. Slack's report, which will be read.

In February last I instituted a Division at West Poultney, and from the character and influence of those interested in it, I anticipate that it is destined to accomplish much for the honor of the Order, and the advancement of temperance in that beautiful section of our State. Much credit is due to the brothers of Good Samaritan Division, for their efficient and valuable aid, in the organization of Poultney Division.

Mount Independence Division was instituted at my request, by bro. J. B. Proctor, D. G. W. P., of Marble Valley Division, No. 54, and gives promise of eminent usefulness.

And here let me remark, that so far as my information extends, those Divisions which are actively at work, and zealous for the extension of the Order and the promulgation of temperance principles, are invariably prosperous; while those which are inactive, are stationary, or have gone backward. Would God, that every brother felt, in some good degree as he should feel, the fearful responsibility which rests upon him individually to do all that in him lies, by the most active and persevering efforts,—every where and all times—to advance the interests of temperance in the community, and render the cause universally triumphant!

It would facilitate our labors, and afford much valuable aid to the cause we have espoused, if all our Deputies were to forward to me a full quarterly report of the state of their respective Divisions, and at the same time communicate such general information relative to the progress of the temperance reform in their respective localities, as they shall deem useful and of general interest. To those brothers who have faithfully discharged their duty in this respect, I tender my cordial acknowledgments, and would earnestly direct the attention of all Deputies to the importance of this part of their official duty.

The duties of the Grand Scribe are arduous and responsible, and

it affords me great satisfaction to attest to his efficiency and fidelity. If greater promptness were manifested by Divisions in making their quarterly returns, his labors would be much abridged, and his heart cheered in the discharge of his manifold responsibilities. Several Divisions have been quite remiss in duty in this matter, not exhibiting in their conduct in this respect, so beautiful an illustration of our cardinal principle fidelity, as others have uniformly manifested, with honor to themselves and to the order. I would very kindly direct the attention of Deputies and Worthy Patriarchs to their official duties in the premises, and trust that a satisfactory reform of this irregularity will be speedily effected.

For accurate details of the progress and state of the Order under this jurisdiction, allow me to refer you to the report of our Grand Scribe, which I suppose will now be submitted.

In view of what has already been accomplished for the advancement of temperance in our State, it is appropriate that we should "thank God and take courage."

In almost every community where our Order exists, numbers of our fellow men, whose wills had been long enslaved to the despotic power of artificial appetites, and habits of intemperance, have been, through its benevolent instrumentality, reclaimed and emancipated from their former thralldom of guilt and wretchedness, raised to the dignity and attributes of manhood, and again restored to their families and to society, as sober, honest and industrious citizens.

In addition to this, we have seen a goodly number from among the youth of the State, brought weekly, into our Division rooms, under influences salutary and purifying, where they have become deeply imbued with the principles of temperance and true philanthropy. They also afford to all candid observers, pleasing and satisfactory evidence of intellectual as well as moral growth. And thus have those of this interesting class connected with the Order, been allured from the path of the Destroyer, and saved from stepping in to fill the places vacated by death, in that doomed phalanx of "reeling bloated men" always found marshalled in those communities where the use and traffic in intoxicating poisons is tolerated and continued. The excellent discipline afforded our youth by the rules, usages and requisitions of the Order, is in my judgment, a beautiful feature of our institution—one which should commend it to the warm sympathies, and cordial support of every true friend of temperance, and of every intelligent parent in the community.

Would that all our young men could be speedily brought to fully appreciate the great value of the intellectual, social and moral

benefits, conferred by our institution, upon every faithful brother, and to voluntarily place themselves under its benignant influences !

A law prohibiting the sale or furnishing of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, chemical and mechanical purposes, now graces our statute book ; and although by no means so stringent as it should be, it affords more efficient aid to the friends of temperance, in their efforts for the suppression of this infamous traffic, than was given by the old law.

Much credit is due to the brethren for their zeal and energy in circulating petitions, and for their hearty co-operation with the old and tried veterans in the cause, in carrying this law through our Legislature.

It is now very generally conceded that our Order is the *most efficient*, if not almost the *only* temperance organization in the State. Why then, I ask, do so many of the true friends of the cause, refrain from uniting with us, thus diminishing our strength and discouraging our hearts ? The combined energies of all, will find ample scope for the most vigorous exertion, in the removal of the curse from among us.

My brethren, we have no good reason for discouragement, but on the contrary, much to strengthen and excite us to diligence. The cause we have espoused is great and glorious—it is *right* and is *certain* in the *end* to be successful. The Providence of our God shall guard and bear it forward ! But let us remember, that in all probability before the day of its final triumph comes, there will be occasion for the exercise of much faith. We shall need to fathom the full meaning of that just and noble maxim of philosophy “learn to labor and to wait.” But let our waiting be active, not passive. Let us look upward for the requisite aid, that while we “do with our might what our hands find to do,” for the promotion of temperance and philanthropy, we may, when we have done it, wait, with steadfast faith, “with patient indomitable confidence, for the fruits of our effort.”

We greatly need this abiding faith in the full and final triumph of our principles, to qualify us for the successful prosecution of our peculiar work. We should possess an energy of purpose that is not daunted by resistance, and does not fail under defeat—that hopes just as readily, and dares just as coolly, and labors just as calmly, and as earnestly as when complete success seemed nigh at hand.

Let us comfort our hearts with the sublime assurance of inspiration, “Be not weary in well doing ; for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.” May we fully recognize our entire dependance

upon the blessing of God for our success. And may His good Spirit guide in all our deliberations ; to influence our minds, control our discussions, and qualify for benevolent action, that by the discipline, our own hearts may be enriched with every kindly and gracious affection, and those high and holy principles which give strength to the soul, prepare it for the great moral conflicts of life, and ripen it for the employments of Heaven.

R. A. SEVERANCE, G. W. P.

Referred to a committee of three, appointed by the G. W. A., brothers Heald, Hodge and Burt.

The G. S. read the report of bro. C. W. Slack, to the committee appointed at the last session, to procure a lecturer, as follows :

CHELSEA, (near Boston,) March 20, 1851.

To the Committee of the Grand Division of S. of T. of Vermont :

The agent and lecturer appointed to visit the northern towns of the State and introduce the organization of the Sons of Temperance, and, where practicable, to institute Divisions, having completed his mission, respectfully submits the following report :—

On Wednesday morning, the 12th February, I left Boston and arrived at St. Johnsbury, according to the route suggested, at about 6 o'clock. Here I was waited upon by brothers Wm. Sanborn, Franklin Fairbanks, and others, of Excelsior Division, and a route suggested for labor in the vicinity of their town, which, on the following day, was commenced upon. The place first visited—

Peacham, offered inducements for a Division. I here lectured, explaining in detail the origin, aim, success and hopes of the Order, and answering such objections as would be likely to arise in the minds of the uninformed community. With the assistance of bro. Sanborn, I understood some twelve or fifteen names were obtained for a charter, but at the suggestion of bro. S. delay in the organization was had to enable the enlistment, if possible, of some of the more influential of the towns people in the movement. The opening of the Division, together with a copy of "B. B.", private work, etc., was left with D. G. W. P., Sanborn.

Barnet. This town I visited on the following day, and found some voluntary progress had already been made towards a Division.—However, I lectured in the evening, and 31 applicants were enrolled, and the following (Saturday) afternoon, Division No. 65 was opened, at the head of which was Joseph Potts, Esq., the State's Attorney for Caledonia county. The number of initiates was 26 or 27.

East St. Johnsbury. On Monday, I visited this village, in which resided several members of Excelsior Division, who had to encounter some opposition from the community, and addressed a fair audience in the evening. Several inquiries were made concerning the means of becoming connected with the Order, but it was not deemed advisable here to attempt a Division.

St. Johnsbury Plains. The following (Tuesday) evening, I addressed a very large audience at this place, in behalf of Excelsior Division, and a very favorable interest seemed to be the result.

Lyndon. The next evening, Passumpsic Division, at this place, was favored with an address to the public. A large audience was present.

Waterford, Lower Village. I addressed a small audience here on the next (Thursday) evening, the weather being unfavorable, and a "court" in session at the tavern opposite the church. Two applicants were secured.

Waterford, Upper Village. The following day was divided in labor between these villages, but the evening was employed in a lecture to a fair audience at the Upper. Ten additional applicants were obtained, when, postponement of organization being desired for want of a hall, &c., the matter with a copy of "B. B.", with with private work, &c., was left with D. G. W. P., Sanborn, of Excelsior Division.

East Burke. My next week's labor commenced with this place, under the auspices of Burke Mountain Division. A public address was given in the evening to a large audience for a very wet night, and much interest manifested.

Sutton. The following day and evening were devoted to this place. A lecture called out a large audience, as well as some opposition from the old society, which here was in existence with a moderate degree of vitality. Six or seven applicants, however, were obtained, with a prospect of more, and the organization of the Division, (if practicable) together with the necessary documents were left with D. G. W. P., Rensalaer Tute, of Burke Mountain Division, to whom I was especially indebted for assistance in the two last named places.

Glover. The next day I proceed to Barton, but finding that it would be inconvenient to have a lecture until Saturday, I immediately visited Glover, where resided Rev. T. J. Tenney, a member of Excelsior Division, and announced a meeting for the evening. A fair audience, with the approval of the chairman and and one or two others in favor of an immediate Division, but the determined opposition of two or three others. So potent was the

prejudiced influence of the latter, that an immediate Division was impossible ; but I think the "seed" fell into "good ground," nevertheless.

Irasburgh. Proceeding to this place, I found the leading men ripe for a Division, and the following evening addressing the public, 23 applicants were obtained, who on the next morning (Saturday) were organized as Orleans Division, No. 66, (Nos. 63, 64, and 65 being left for the expected Divisions at Peacham, Waterford, and Sutton) with a great prospect of success.

Barton. On Saturday evening, March 1, a public lecture interested the people, and on Monday 14 applicants were obtained, 9 of whom in the evening were organized as Division, No. 67, also with fair prospective success.

Coventry. The next day and evening found me in this place, where a lecture created a general interest, but the dissolution of a Tent of Rechabites, a short time previous, seemed to paralyze the energies of the temperance men at least for fraternity operations. I think, however, a Division will eventually be here established.

Craftsbury. This town was reached the next day, when I found a community of mostly elderly people, with a good temperance feeling, but a common opinion that a Division could not be sustained. I waited upon some of the leading men, and found that some months previous a proposition to establish a Division, had been referred to a committee, who reported against its feasibility. This action was regarded as settling the question.

South Hardwick. Receiving strong assurances concerning Hardwick and its neighboring villages, I made the *Street* a visit, but found a "Craftsbury" influence. I proceeded to the *South* village, and by dint of the hardest effort assembled a small audience, who received my remarks favorably ; but the generality of the male adult population seemed to be indifferent to all causes that had not a private personal benefit.

Morrisville. Arriving at this place on Friday, I addressed the public in behalf of Lamoille Division, and was favored with a fair audience and close attention.

Stowe. The next evening I met the Brothers of Stow Division, and passed a very agreeable evening, being witness to their proficiency in the initiatory service.

Cambridge. Visiting this place on Monday evening, I found preliminary preparations had been made for a Division, through the exertions of Bro. D. G. W. P., Thos. Gleed, of Waterville. An audience was convened at short notice, an address delivered, and 18 applicants obtained. The same evening, Division No. 68, was instituted with 8 members.

Bakersfield. On Tuesday I proceeded to this place, and in the evening addressed a large audience with seeming satisfaction.—Fourteen applicants were obtained, and the following day appointed for the organization. At the time appointed, there were not enough present to proceed. I then learned that a gentleman of the place by the name of Sears, a member of the Rechabite Order, who had previously been endeavoring to have established a Tent in B., had waited upon some of the applicants for the Division, and induced them to delay the organization until the merits of the Rechabite Order could be discussed. I at once frankly approved the course, knowing the Order of Sons of Temperance could bear the comparison, and that the Grand Division of Vermont did not desire a *forced* growth of their institution. No other cause for delay was intimated to me, but it seems from information subsequently communicated to members of the Order, that there was. For the details of this information I refer the Committee of the Grand Division to a letter from myself to Bro. Lothian.

East Franklin. Proceeding to Enosburgh, where I had sent an appointment, I found a lecturer on scientific topics had engaged nearly the whole community for a course of a week in duration, and I could not secure an audience; so visiting this place, I addressed a fair audience, and was pleased with the interest manifested, although there was a Tent of Rechabites in town, in good condition. I think here will be a Division eventually.

St. Albans. I had forwarded an appointment to this place, but the absence of my referee, and the non-receipt of the notices till a late hour, prevented a public meeting. I found an active Tent of Rechabites, which having been the means of great good, was in high favor. It being in session that evening, I visited the hall and asked the privilege of addressing the members. Very courteously, the Tent closed its business and welcomed me, when I addressed some 30 or 40 gentlemen on the merits of the fraternities, of course not prejudicing my own Order by any unnecessary comparisons with their own. I think this course will highly recommend the "Sons" to their favor. I may add I do not think I should have had so large an audience of temperance men had I had a meeting in a hall or church.

Burlington. Reaching here on Saturday morning, the 15th, I took measures for an address in the evening. The church was but sparsely filled, though a good attention was given. At this place there is a very thriving Tent of Rechabites, which had engrossed the attention and support of nearly all the temperance strength that could be enlisted in the fraternities.

Underhill. On Monday, the 17th, I visited this place, lectured

to a large audience of gentlemen in the evening, and had the pleasure of obtaining 19 applicants. The same evening I instituted Triad Division, No. 69, with 13 initiates, which commenced under bright auspices.

These labors consumed the five weeks (including the time necessary for me to get upon, and leave, the field of labor,) and I therefore proceeded to Waterbury the following day and conferred with the G. S., Bro. Wells, respecting the mission. Viewing my labors as a whole, I may say, that, while finding a sound temperance sentiment generally in the Northern portion of the State, yet there was a strong suspicion of the Order as a *secert society*, and consequently some warm opposition. But much of this gave way as the merits of the institution were explained, and then the argument was that the temperance feeling was such, a new organization was not required, and the expense was an obstacle. I am happy in the belief that while but a few Divisions have been opened during the tour, and but a few others are, prospectively, soon to be opened, yet the ground has been broken up, the seed sown, and all that is wanted is attentive and judicious care to produce a harvest grateful to behold. Heaven grant that it may be so!

To sum up my five week's labors in brief, I have delivered 20 public lectures on the Order, 4 of which were in villages where there were already existing Divisions; 3 public Sunday evening discourses on the general subject to crowded houses (at Barton, Stowe, and Burlington); 1 address to a Tent of Rechabites; I have opened 5 Divisions, and left 3 to be opened by Deputies residing in the vicinity, and 1 (at Bakersfield) whenever they shall communicate with the G. S.; I have received as fees for chaters, private work, &c., the sum of \$35, and expended for travelling expenses the sum of \$29.45, the balance of \$5.55 being paid over to G. S., Wells. My plan of operation was to obtain the names of as many temperance men as possible in the town I designed to visit, and then to send to some one or two of them notices of my intended lecture, soliciting their co-operation. When I arrived I would call upon them, explain in brief the Order, and thus prepare the way for the evening's lecture. After the same, I have invariably given an invitation to any present who had any objections to offer, or any doubts they wished removed, to mention them, and I would state my desire to meet them as cordially and frankly as they were suggested. This openness induced a favorable sentiment generally.

Besides to numerous gentlemen, in different towns, not connected with the Order, I feel particularly indebted to Bros. Sanborn, Fairbanks, Curtis, Pike, Weeks, Hall, and Harrington, of Excel-

rior Division ; Bros. Houghton, and Cahoon, of Passumpsic Division ; Bros. Tute, Newell and Bacon, of Burke Mountain Division ; Bro. T. J. Tenney, of Glover ; Bros. Robinson, Goodell, and Palmer, of Lamoille Division ; Bros. Lothian, Seabury and Perkins, of Stowe Division ; Bro. Gleed, of Unexpected Division ; Bros. Wells and Cleaveland, of Waterbury Division ; besides others whose names I have forgotten. In an especial manner are the thanks of the Grand Division, as well as my own, due to the Excelsior Division, St. Johnsbury, and the new Division at Barton, for assuming the expenses of my hotel bills at their respective towns. They extended literally " a Brother's hand and a Brother's welcome." But by all the Brothers of the Order was I kindly entertained.

I feel grateful to the " Giver of all good " that notwithstanding my arduous and protracted task,—lecturing oftentimes for an hour and a half for a succession of five or six evenings, frequently travelling long distances, exposed to all sorts of weathers, talking whenever possible in stores, hotels, and stage-coaches upon the principles of the Order, &c.,—my health has been preserved, and my spirits continued as buoyant as ever,—and I would cite my own case as evidence of the advantages of a life of abstinence, for with no drink but cold water, and without any stimulation from tobacco in any form, I have been enabled, without the least prostration, to perform for a succession of weeks a larger amount of mental and bodily labor than I ever before accomplished in double the amount of time.

That the genial dews and warm sunshine of Heaven's blessing may aid the humble labors, of the husbandman who by your direction was sent into the moral vineyard, is the sincere wish of

Your Brother in the cause of Love, Purity and Fidelity,

CHAS. W. SLACK.

Referred to a Committee consisting of brothers Graves, Farr and Ware.

The G. S. read a communication from the Grand Division of Maine, asking the co-operation of the Grand Division of Vermont, in petitioning Congress " to make such alteration in our Navigation Laws, as will prohibit the importation of any Ardent Spirits, Wine, or Beer."

Referred to brothers Sloan, Farnsworth and Smith.

Permission was granted to Triad Division, No. 69, and Negotia Division, No. 55, to appear in Regalia.

Communication from Franklin Division, No. 25, read and referred to brothers Green, Starkie and Sheldon.

Petition of Waterbury Division, No. 3, read and laid on the table.

Bro. Chapman from the committee appointed at the last session, to ascertain what property of Divisions surrendering or forfeiting their charters, should be surrendered to the Grand Division, read a report, which on motion, was referred back to said committee, with instructions to examine the proceedings of the National Division, and ascertain what decision had been made by that body in the premises and report.

Bro. Sloan from the committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Division of Maine, read the following

REPORT:

Your committee on the communication from the Grand Division of Maine, in regard to the importation of Ardent Spirits, Wine or Beer, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Division of Vermont co-operate with the Grand Division of Maine, in sending communications to all the Subordinate Divisions in the State, requesting them to petition Congress to prohibit the importation of Ardent Spirits, Wine and Beer.

H. B. SLOAN,
ROYAL FARNSWORTH, } Committee.
DAVID SMITH,

Adopted.

Bro. Green from committee, read the following:

To the Grand Division S. of T., of Vermont:

Your committee to whom was referred the communication of A. Cleaveland, Jr., W. P. of Franklin Division, No. 25, of Brookfield, respectfully report: That in their opinion, the Charter, B. B., Cards, Papers, Records, and all other property, which if left, would tend to disclose any of the secrets of the Order, should be surrendered to the Grand Division, and held in trust, to be handed over the proper authorities, should another Division ever be organized in the town where this Division exists. Also, that clearance cards be granted to all such members of No. 25, as are entitled to the same, and wish them.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. GREEN,
OREN STARKEY, } Committee.
T. B. SHELDON,

Springfield, April 22, 1851.

Laid upon the table.

The Committee of Appeals read the following :

SPRINGFIELD, April 22, 1851.

To the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, now in session :

Your committee have had under consideration, the appeal of bro. P. S. Fuller from the action of Good Samaritan Division, No. 39.

The circumstances are as follows : On the evening of the 13th February, 1851, a charge was duly made against Edson H. Pettee, a member of said Division, for a violation of Article II. of the Constitution, and was constitutionally investigated by a committee, who reported the charge sustained, with a resolution that he be expelled. The report was laid upon the table for one week, and at the next meeting was acted upon, and the report of the committee was not sustained.

Your committee are of opinion that the testimony of respectable persons, not members of our Order, should be taken as evidence against a brother for such violation, but certain facts communicated to your committee, lead them to believe, that the evidence brought against the brother, by persons not members of the Order, was prompted by selfish and malicious motives, and intended to injure the reputation of the brother in question.

B. W. BURT,
A. WILLIAMS, } *Committee.*
JUSTUS COBB.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the decision of Good Samaritan Division, No. 39, be sustained.

Agreed to.

Bro. Cleaveland read the following report :

Your auditors beg leave to report : That they have examined the account presented by the G. S. together with the vouchers, and find the same to be correct,—and find a balance in favor of the Grand Division of \$52,10.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. CLEAVELAND,
IRA BEARD, } *Auditors.*
PRESCOTT HEALD,

April 22, 1851.

Agreed to.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the G. W. P. presented the following :

SPRINGFIELD, April 22, 1851.

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Vermont, now in session :

Your committee to whom was referred the report of your G. W. P., after a careful perusal of the same, deem it a valuable production, and cordially recommend it to the candid attention of every S. of T., and recommend its adoption by this body, and its publication with the proceedings of this session.

PRESCOTT HEALD, }
R. A. HODGE, } *Committee.*
B. W. BURT, }

Bro. Graves read the following :

To the Grand Division of Vermont :

The committee to whom was referred the report and letter of bro. Charles W. Slack, beg leave to report : That in their opinion, the letter of bro. Slack does not require any action on the part of this body, and would recommend its dismissal. They would also recommend the acceptance of the report of bro. Slack.

Respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

GEO. A. GRAVES, }
M. WARE, } *Committee.*
J. W. FARR, }

Springfield, April 22, 1851.

Adopted.

On motion by bro. Chapman—Voted, That Killington Division, No. 48, has forfeited its charter, and that said Division be required to surrender its charter, B. B., cards and papers to the Grand Division.

The communication from No. 3 called up and petition granted, and the charter of said Division accepted.

On motion of bro. Cobb, the G. W. P. was directed to take possession of the property of said Division, and to present the same to the Division to be organized at Waterbury, when said Division shall have been instituted.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the communication from Franklin Division, No. 25, was called up and adopted.

The report of the committee on the appeal of bro. H. H. Smith, from the action of Lamoille Division, No. 33, laid on the table at the last session, was called up and referred to bros. Graves, Cobb and Farnsworth, with instructions to report its dismissal.

The G. S. was directed to furnish Negotia Division, No. 55,

with B. B., cards, charter, music, &c., without charge, to supply the place of those destroyed.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

Opened in form.

Bro. Graves read the following :

SPRINGFIELD, April 22, 1851.

To the Grand Division of Vermont :

Your committee to whom the appeal of bro. H. H. Smith of La-moille Division, No. 33 and the report of your committee thereon, were referred, respectfully report : That in their opinion, Subordinate Divisions have the right to appropriate their own funds to any purpose which they may think will contribute to benefit the cause of Temperance, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of bro. H. H. Smith be dismissed.

Adopted.

On motion of bro. Chapman, brothers Lothian and Graves were added to the committee to ascertain what property of Subordinate Divisions surrendering or forfeiting their charters, belongs to the Grand Division.

Bro. Chapman presented the following :

Resolved, That our Representatives to the National Division be instructed to enquire of that body, for the true definition of the word "property," in the 18th Rule of the Constitution of Grand Division, thereby determining what is meant by "other property" of Subordinate Divisions, on surrendering or forfeiting their charters.

Adopted.

Bro. Burt offered the following :

Resolved, That this Grand Division recommend to all Subordinate Divisions in this State, to exert their influence in organizing Sections of Cadets of Temperance, in the different communities where they reside and extend to them the use of their Division rooms.

Adopted.

On motion of Bro. Chapman, the thanks of the Grand Division were most cordially tendered to Black River Division, No. 12, for the use of their pleasant and most agreeably fitted Hall.

On motion, the Grand Division closed in usual form.

WM. W. WELLS, G. S.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

HALL OF WHITE RIVER DIVISION, No. 18. }
ROYALTON, July 22, 1851. }

Grand Division called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. by the G. S., all the other officers being absent.

Rep. JONATHAN KINNEY was nominated and chosen G. W. P., *pro tem.*, vacancies filled by the chair.

The Grand Division was opened in form.

Committee on Credentials and Returns, Bros. Skinner, Cobb, and Gibbs, who reported the following credentials correct:

Mount Nebo Division, No. 9. P. W. P., J. Cobb, and W. P., H. C. Gridley.

White River Division, No. 18. P. W. P.'s, Calvin Skinner, D. W. Wheelock, Edward Rix, and W. P., M. C. Gage.

Union Division, No. 19. P. W. P., H. J. Leonard.

Rochester Division, No. 20. P. W. P., Ziba Nason and W. P. Seth Tinkham.

Excelsior Division No. 34. P. W. P., Wm. P. Pierce.

Pittsfield Division, No. 47. P. W. P., F. T. Daly, L. Preston, J. H. Ranney, W. P., G. G. Dains.

South Royalton Division, No. 58. P. W. P.'s, Daniel McCaine, David McCaine, Ezra Wills, N. D. Ross, W. P., Edward Wills. G. W. P., SEVERANCE, appeared and took the chair.

G. Con. announced the following brothers in waiting, who were introduced by him, and initiated in due form:

H. W. Ellis, David McCaine, Ezra Wills, F. T. Daly, L. Preston, G. G. Dains, H. C. Gridley, Ziba Nason, Seth Tinkham, H. J. Leonard, D. Wheelock, Calvin Skinner, M. C. Gage, Edward Rix and Wm. P. Pierce.

The chair appointed Reps. David McCaine, Seth Tinkham and Eben'r. Atwood, Committee on Appeals, and Reps. Wm. Skinner, H. W. Ellis, and H. C. Gridley, Auditors.

The G. W. P. read the following

R E P O R T :

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Vermont :

In presenting the usual quarterly report, permit me Brethren, to offer my cordial congratulations on the general prosperity of the Order, and express my satisfaction in again mingling in your fraternal greetings, and participating in deliberations for the advancement of the noble and generous principles, which we aim to diffuse and perpetuate.

Well may we congratulate each other on the progress already made in the accomplishment of the noble object we have in view. That *object* is to remove that "giant curse" of our race, Intemperance, from the world ; and to spread the great principles of Temperance, broadcast, among all classes in society.

Experience, founded on a great multitude of observations in the cases of individuals and of masses of men, engaged in all professions and employments, in every part of the world, and in all past ages has established the fact, that the attainment of the highest condition of the moral, intellectual and physical faculties is not consistent with the use of alcoholic stimulants. That their use, in any form as a beverage, is alike destructive to the health and happiness of men. This is true of even the moderate use such stimulants. But what untold evils spring from those habits of gross inebriety which follow so surely, in the footprints of moderate drinking ! What indescribable sufferings lie along the pathway of the drunkard, as he rushes headlong in his career of folly and wretchedness, down to a premature and grave !

But to quicken your zeal and arouse your energies in this great and good work, I need not stop to portray the woes of intemperance ; they meet you everywhere.

Woman, widowed and wretched,—children suffering, abused and neglected,—even the miserable drunkard himself, call loudly for aid in their helplessness ; and shall we not heed their cry, and fly at once to their rescue ? Shall we not gird ourselves afresh for a terminating conflict with this fell foe of our race ?

But why have we drunkards ? Who in our State are to blame ? Not Rumseller's *alone*, but *all* who in any manner give them "aid and comfort." All who *refrain* from lending their influence and aid, to give force and efficiency to the *law* against the traffic.—What has the rum-traffic done ? Has it made one man rich ? It has made a thousand beggars. Every one made wealthy by it has caused the extended poverty of his fellow men.

Much credit is due the Brethren for their zeal and energy in prosecuting violations of the law against this infamous traffic.— And those Divisions are most prosperous, in this jurisdiction, who in this manner exhibit their fidelity in the cause. It is our duty to manifest a fixed and manly determination to see the law respected and enforced.

I trust that ere long the law will be made more stringent, having a penalty affixed, bearing some proportion to the enormity of the crime, and the extent of the mischief the traffic inflicts on society. In this respect, our sister States, Maine and Michigan are much in advance of us.

The recent Temperance action in these and other States, furnish grounds for encouragement to all who believe it is the *right and duty* of the people to protect themselves by legislation from the evils resulting from the traffic in intoxicating poisons.

We have other grounds of encouragement. Many citizens of standing and character, have recently enrolled themselves in our ranks, and now lend all the weight of their individual and social influence to the progress of the order, and the blessed reform we advocate. We now embrace within our brotherhood, a goodly number of the old fast-friends of temperance, who for awhile stood aloof, waiting for the fruits of our associated effort. These have been won to our “fraternal band”, by the conviction, that we possessed superior facilities for advancing the work, in which they have so long and faithfully labored. This may not be true in regard to all parts of our jurisdiction, but it is of many. There are doubtless some tried friends of temperance, still without our pale, who are not yet convinced that we are honest and earnest men, engaged in well directed and self-denying efforts for the removal of intemperance from our “land and world.” Let it then be a prominent object to convince such by our actions, which “speak sometimes even louder than words”,—that our *hearts* are in the work,—that we are ever ready to cheerfully make sacrifices for its advancement.

Another omen of progress, is found in the growing interest manifested in some communities, in the organization of the young affiliated branch of the Order, the Cadets.

I trust that the interest already felt, will increase and extend, until all our bright-eyed and fair-haired Green Mountain Boys, find protection under the banner of Truth, Virtue and Temperance, and are thus saved from the dreadful bondage of unnatural appetites, and qualified to exert upon society an influence redeeming and protective, long after our labors of love and mercy are ended.

It will doubtless be recollected, that the National Division at its annual session held in Boston, June, 1850, voted to adopt a report of a Committee on an appeal from the Grand Division of Ohio, to which was appended a clause recommending that the admission of negroes to the Order, be declared "improper" and "illegal." And also that a resolution protesting against this action, passed this honorable body at its last annual session at Montpelier. The grounds upon which the protest was based, were its illegality, if regarded as a rule, and its spirit of caste and inconsistency with the benevolent and philanthropic features of our organization.

At the recent session of the National Division, held at Toronto, your Representatives, in concert with those from several other Grand Divisions, endeavored to have the offensive clause stricken from that report, or so modified as not to offend the moral sense of multitudes in the Order; but were unable to bring the question before the National Division in such form as to obtain definite action upon the subject. A resolution to this effect, presented by bro. Williams, with the concurrence of others of similar views, was referred to the committee on M. W. Patriarch's report. A majority of this committee were decidedly of opinion, that the mere vote to adopt the report in question, did not constitute it a rule or law of the Order, to be considered binding, or at all *imperative* upon Grand or Subordinate Divisions; but only to be regarded as a recommendation, to be followed or not, as the moral sense of each Division might dictate. Holding these views, the committee, reported against any legislation upon the subject.

During the session I had frequent conversations with some of the most talented and influential members of the National Division, among whom were several P. M. W. Patriarch's, all agreeing in opinion, that the offensive clause, above alluded to, was in fact nothing more than a simple "*recommendation*."

The views expressed in the report of M. W. Patriarch, Oliver, are truly liberal, and show clearly that he regarded it also as a mere recommendation. He says: "Standing as we do, at the head of some 300,000 Sons of Temperance, scattered over a large portion of the habitable globe, we must not legislate for a section. In other words, we must not narrow down the platform of the National Division. If we do, we shall certainly crowd our brothers off,—to the great joy of our enemies, and the lasting injury of a common cause. No sane person can expect to make our Order useful in England or France, in Italy or Germany, at the South or North, if we incorporate into our discipline, fundamental laws directly inimical to the public sentiment of these sections. We must

either show "a decent respect for the opinions of mankind," and abandon sectional legislation at once and forever, to the respective Grand Divisions, or see our beloved Order contracted to an extremely narrow sphere and thus shorn of its glory and its fair proportions."

In my judgment, the National Division, if inclined, have not the power to change the basis of membership, which was wisely founded on *character* not *color*. If I understand the report of the M. W. Patriarch, and the action thereon, it is the design of the National Division, to return to the true policy, (which ought never to have been departed from) and permit Grand Divisions to legislate, within constitutional limits, for their several jurisdictions.

But be this as it may, we should never permit the head of our Order to grasp at any power which does not already belong to it, and which, if employed, might result eventually in depriving Subordinates of all power. I believe, brethren, that you are competent to decide, under the Constitution, who shall, and who shall not enter your Division rooms; and therefore suggest the propriety of repealing a resolution passed at the last annual session at Montpelier, relative to the duty of Subordinates in regard to what was termed "the late Order of the National Division upon the subject of the admissibility of colored persons into the Order."

I would also recommend the adoption of a rule affirming the right of Subordinate Divisions to decide for themselves, in obedience to the Constitution and their moral sense, who shall and who shall not, be admitted to the privileges of membership.

And in all our discussions, may we exhibit a spirit of kindness and fraternal regard. While we deliberate upon the important interests of the enterprize in which we are engaged, we should never lose sight of the magnitude of our undertaking. We have commenced a warfare upon a system of great age and strength, and can only be successful by patient and persevering effort. We cannot hope to gain the victory, by our own wisdom and strength. We need help from above. And while we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the blessing and providence of God for past success and progress, may we continually look upward to Heaven for help and victory.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. SEVERANCE, G. W. P.

Referred to a committee, Reps. F. T. Daly, Calvin Skinner and Jona. Kinney.

The G. S. read a communication from Ottaugechee Division, No. 7, containing the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Division of Vermont, be respectfully requested to rescind the series of resolutions, passed by that body, at its last annual session, respecting the action of the National Division upon the subject of the admissibility of colored persons to our Order."

Referred to committee raised on the report of the G. W. P.

The following circular was read, and the G. S. was directed to communicate the matters therein contained to the several subordinate Divisions :

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION,
S. OF T., OF NORTH AMERICA.
Philadelphia, June 25, 1851. }

To the Grand Division S. of T., of Vermont :

WORTHY BROTHERS :

At the late Session of the National Division Sons of Temperance of North America, held in the City of Toronto, the following items were enacted, which may be of immediate interest and are therefore respectfully presented in circular form by this office :—

ITEM I. Section 6, Article 7, Revised Rules, the words "been elected to," stricken out, and the words "become a member of," inserted instead.

ITEM II. Subject of "Perpetuity of Pledge," it was *Resolved*, That the second resolution of the Cemmittee on the state of the Order, page 81, Journal of 7th Annual session of National Division, be and the same is hereby rescinded." Said resolution is as follows :

Resolved, That in order to remedy this grave error in the future editions of the B. B., the words "*in this respect*," in the second part of our general obligation be omitted." The resolution restores to the obligation the words "*in this respect*."

ITEM III. That "Section 2, Article 9, Constitution of Subordinate Divisions" be repealed :

Section 2, reads as follows : "No brother shall serve two terms in the same office during the term of one year," &c., &c. The amendment gives privilege to re-election.

ITEM IV. That the words "one week," in the first part of Section 3, Article 4, do. do. be stricken out, and the words "four weeks" be inserted instead. Same refers to time of notification of rejections and expulsions by Subordinate Divisions.

ITEM V. That "Section 10, Article 10, do. do. be rescinded," and in lieu thereof the following be adopted :

"Section 10, a member convicted of violation of the Pledge after the second time, can be re-instated by a two-third vote of the Division, the Division prescribing the penalty." The amendment leaves re-instatement free to Divisions.

ITEM VI. That "Section 2, Article 5, do. do. be annulled by adding thereto the following words: *Provided*, That persons of old age, or under disability or disease may be admitted, but remain in the position of members not entitled to benefits."

ITEM VII. That "Article 13, Constitution of Grand Divisions be so amended as to strike out Section 1; and also to strike out the word, 'ordinary' in Section 2, and insert the word 'all' in lieu thereof." The amendment gives the power to elect officers of Grand Divisions "by divisions."

ITEM VIII. "That the word 'ten' be stricken out of Part 8, Constitution of National Division, and the word 'five' inserted in lieu thereof." The amendment reduces per centage to National Division to 5 per cent.

ITEM IX. "That the Returns of Grand Divisions to the National Division be made to the *thirty-first of December* of each year." Formerly 15th of May.

ITEM X. "That the heads 'Dispensation Fees,' and 'How many Manufactories of Ardent Spirits,' be removed from the Returns of the National Division, and the heads '*How many public Temperance Meetings held*,' and '*How many Temperance Tracts distributed*,' substituted instead.

ITEM XI. "That the Grand Divisions be and are hereby required to make the items of the Quarterly Reports of Subordinate Divisions *correspond to the items* of the Annual Returns of Grand Divisions to the National Division."

ITEM XII. Recommended, "That in view of the present postal rates, the *pre-payment* of postage be punctually observed by the National, Grand, and Subordinate Divisions."

The M. W. Scribe, in the name of the National Division, invites the particular attention of Grand Divisions to the the items referring to Returns. The beauty, uniformity, and efficiency of the statistics of the Order depend upon their right and prompt observance of the new regulations.

In addition the M. W. S. would respectfully state for the infor-

mation of Grand Divisions, that the *one half* of the per centage of Grand Divisions which accrued to the National Division for term ending March 31, 1851, is directed to be repaid to the Grand Divisions whence received; and that said amount will be either remitted, or placed to their credit on the books of the National Division, as the state of their accounts, or their wishes, may indicate.

The M. W. S. also states that by resolutions of the N. D., the National Fund is at an end, and covers only such claims as may have occurred up to date of Toronto session. The Fund itself is to be repaid out of the general fund of the N. D., to those Grand and Subordinate Divisions which originally contributed its amount.

With sincere compliments at the sound condition of the Order, and with best wishes for the success and harmony of each jurisdiction and the advance of the great primary cause of Temperance,

I am very truly Yours,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

FRED. A. FICKARDT,

M. W. S.

A communication from the Grand Division of Maine, relating to the alteration in the "Perpetuity of the Pledge," made by the National Division, at its seventh session, was read, and the recommendation contained in said communication having been adopted by the National Division at its eighth session, no action was had thereon.

The bill of Barrett & Cobb for printing, of P. G. W. P., Williams, and G. W. P., Severance, for expenses as delegates to the eighth session of the National Division, were severally referred to auditors.

On motion of bro. Cobb, the vote regulating the distribution of the Journals of the Grand Division, passed at the annual session in 1849, was rescinded, and

On motion of bro. Gibbs, the G. S. was directed to distribute them hereafter among the Subordinate Divisions in proportion to the number of members, as near as may be.

The appeal of brothers Dorrance and Fuller from the action of Mount Nebo Division, No. 9, was referred.

A letter from J. R. Morse, of Letitia Division, No. 24, also one from James Titcomb, of Cold Spring Division, No. 23, stating that said Divisions had become extinct, were read, and on motion, the G. S. was directed to request those Divisions, to surrender their charters, B. B., and papers to the Grand Division.

Bro. Gibbs presented the following preamble and resolution, which were discussed and laid upon the table.

Whereas, There is some seeming or real inability in some of the Subordinate Divisions, in carrying out the principles of our beloved Order, and *whereas* there is a general inaction throughout the State; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Division devise some way or means, by which this inaction shall be done away, either by appointing or recommending lectures in the Subordinate Divisions, or in some other way, as the Grand Division in its wisdom may think best.

The Committee on Appeals read a report which, on motion, was referred back, with instructions to the committee to report upon the question raised by the appellants, bros. Dorrance and Fuller, as to the right of appeal by members of Subordinate Divisions.

The auditors read the following report :

ROYALTON, July 22, 1851.

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Vermont :

Your auditors to whom were referred the following accounts, of P. G. W. P., S. P. Williams, for expenses, attending eighth session

National Division, at Toronto,	\$26 00	
G. W. P., R. A. Severance, for same,	33 00	
Barrett & Cobb, Express charges,	50	
Printing 500 copies Journal Grand Division,		
for 1850,	56 00	
Affixing Seal to Travelling Cards,	2 50	59 00

\$118 00

recommend the allowance of the same and the appropriation of \$118 for the payment thereof.

WM. SKINNER,
HARVEY W. ELLIS,
HARRISON C. GRIDLEY, } *Auditors.*

Adopted.

The Grand Division took a recess till 6 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

WM. W. WELLS, G. S.

Opened with usual form.

The G. S. asked leave of absence for the remainder of this session, which was granted, and bro. H. M. Safford was chosen G. S. *pro. tem.*

The committee on the report of the G. W. P., read a report, which after being discussed, was amended on motion of bro. Severance, and adopted, as follows :

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the report of our G. W. P., would respectfully report in favor of the adoption of the report and the passage of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the following resolution, passed at the annual session, held at Montpelier, October 16, 1850, viz. :

“*Resolved*, That we regard it to be the imperative duty of Subordinate Divisions, under this jurisdiction to regard with scrupulous fidelity the late order of the National Division upon the subject of the admissibility of colored persons into the Order ;” be repealed.

Resolved, That Subordinate Divisions are competent to judge, within constitutional limits, who may and who may not be admitted into their Division rooms, and that character and not color is the criterion by which such admission should be made.

Likewise, your committee, to whom was referred the request from Ottaugechee Division, No. 7, would respectfully report, that in their opinion, said request ought not to be granted.

FREDERICK T. DALY,	} Committee.
CALVIN SKINNER,	
JONATHAN KINNEY,	

The Committee on Appeals reported as follows :

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of brothers M. S. Dorrance and R. L. Fuller, from the action of Mount Nebo Division, No. 9, respectfully report, that every member of a Subordinate Division has the right of appeal to the Grand Division, and through the Grand Division to the National Division.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the appeal of brothers M. S. Dorrance and R. L. Fuller is sustained.

And we are also of the opinion, that the Division have the right to vote bro. Eugene Veret benefits, in the case referred to, unless it is shown that his sickness or disability was brought on by his own improper conduct. No such evidence being presented to the committee, they would recommend that that portion of this appeal so far as it relates to benefits, be dismissed.

DAVID McCAINE,	} Committee.
EBEN'R ATWOOD,	

Adopted.

The G. Con. announced in waiting Reps. Daniel McCaine and N. D. Ross, who were admitted and obligated in due form, and took their seats in the Grand Division.

The premble and resolutions introduced by Bro. Gibbs were called up and adopted.

Bro. F. T. Daly offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the duty of the S. of T. to collect all the information within their reach, respecting the liquor traffic, and report to their respective divisions.

Discussed and adopted.

Bro. W. H. Safford, presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Division consider it of *great importance*, for the promotion of cause of temperance, and the prosperity of our Order, that there shall be at least one weekly newspaper published in New England, to be devoted entirely to the interests of the "Sons," "Daughters," and "Cadets of Temperance."

Adopted.

Bro. Daniel McCaine presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Division some more efficient means should be devised, for awakening an interest in the cause of Temperance, amongst the subordinate divisions of the order; and would recommend the free discussion of Temperance subjects in their weekly meetings; and in the absence of Public Lecturers, would suggest the propriety and utility of appointing lecturers from among their members to address them from time to time: also, the frequent exchange of members from other Divisions, for the same purpose.

Adopted.

On motion of Bro. L. Gibbs, *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Division be presented to G. W. P. Severance, for the kindness and urbanity which he has displayed as presiding officer at this session of the Grand Division.

On motion of Bro. Pierce, *Voted*, That Bro. Severance be requested to furnish a copy of his Report at this session of the G. D. for publication.

G. W. P. Severance in a few brief and pertinent remarks, signified his willingness to comply with the above request of the Grand Division as soon as practicable.

On motion of Bro. Gibbs, *Voted*, That the thanks be tendered to White River Division, No. 18, for the use of their Hall for this meeting.

No further business coming, before the Grand Division the session was closed in usual form.

W. H. SAFFORD, G. S., *pro tem*.



ANNUAL SESSION.

MONTPELIER, October 15, 1851, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Division called to order by the G. W. P.

Present, G. W. P., SEVERANCE,
G. S., WELLS,
G. T., DEWEY,
G. Sen., TUTE,

and a number of Representatives.

Vacancies filled by the G. W. P.

Opened in usual form.

Committee on Credentials and Returns, Reps. Cobb, Gridley and Ware.

On motion of bro. Burt, *Voted*, To admit those Representatives without credentials, whose names are inserted in the returns of their respective Divisions, as having been duly elected.

On motion of bro. Chapman, *Voted*, That when the Grand Division adjourns, it be till 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M., at the Hall of Lodge No. 2, I. O. of O. F.

The chair appointed brothers Chapman, Burt and Upham, Auditors ; brothers Robinson, Dewey and Durant, Committee on Appeals.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division convened at 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Opened in prescribed form.

The G. W. P. communicated the Grand Division P. W. to the representatives present.

The committee on credentials made the following report:

MONTPELIER, Oct. 15, 1851.

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Vermont :

Your committee on credentials and returns, report in favor of admitting the following delegates to seats in the Grand Division :
Concordia Division, No. 2,

P. W. P., A. D. Putnam,
“ R. Birchard,
“ B. Ranger,
“ S. K. Stoddard,
“ G. H. Salisbury,
“ P. Simonds,
“ S. Spencer,
“ O. Starkey,
“ H. R. Godfrey,
“ T. S. Higgins,
W. P., G. H. Bennett.

Waterbury Division, No. 3,

P. W. P., Wm. W. Wells,
“ Wm. H. Woodward,
“ C. N. Arms,
“ Edward Sheldon,
“ James Greenleaf,
W. P., J. B. Woodward.

Stowe Division, No. 4,

P. W. P., Archippus Fuller.

Ottaugechee Division, No. 7,

P. W. P., Sol. Woodward,
“ Owen Taft.

Mount Nebo Division, No. 9,

P. W. P., J. Dewey,
“ J. Cobb,
“ H. N. Upson,
“ H. Wilcox,
“ J. H. Simmons,
“ C. C. Huntington,
“ R. L. Fuller,
“ M. S. Dorrance,
“ H. C. Gridley,
“ J. M. Gordon,
W. P., E. B. Parker.

Black River Division, No. 12,

P. W. P., O. P. Litchfield,
 " J. B. Whipple,
 " H. Safford,
 " G. Kimball, Jr.,
 " J. A. Slack,
 " C. C. Church,
 " E. Cutter,
 " W. H. Albee,
 " H. Closson,
 W. P., S. Taylor.

Otter Creek Division, No. 21,

P. W. P., W. F. Smith,
 " T. B. Gould,
 " S. Green,
 " L. Barrett,
 " J. Palmer,
 W. P., W. H. Potter.

Central Division, No. 26,

P. W. P., Azro Clark.

Eureka Division, No. 31,

P. W. P., A. S. Cook.

Lamoille Division, No. 33,

P. W. P., C. Robinson,
 " H. Powers,
 " J. C. Burnett,
 " T. Tracy,
 " S. C. Sanborn,
 " R. K. Cook,
 " H. H. Smith,
 W. P., C. W. Fitch.

Excelsior Division, No. 34,

P. W. P., William Sanborn,
 " W. D. Weeks,
 " H. Paddock,
 " L. B. Huntington,
 " F. Fairbanks,
 " W. P. Pierce,
 " L. O. Stevens,
 W. P., G. P. Cummings.

Chimney Point Division, No. 35,

P. W. P., A. Smith,
 " N. Allis,
 " C. Stickles,
 " W. Reeves,
 " R. Gage,
 " B. Abbott,
 " A. D. Hayward,
 " D. V. Chambers,
 W. P., S. Morton.

Phoenix Division, No. 38,

P. W. P., Samuel Wilson.

Good Samaritan Division, No. 39,

P. W. P., D. Underwood,
 " J. D. Woodward,
 " T. N. Merrill,
 " M. Ware,
 " L. W. Preston,
 " B. W. Burt,
 " D. J. Green,
 " E. B. Hubbard,
 " T. W. Pearson,
 W. P., J. N. Northrup.

Burke Mountain Division, No. 41,

P. W. P., T. W. Duncan,
 " R. Tute.

Passumpsic Division, No. 46,

P. W. P., S. Houghton,
 " B. Bunday,
 " A. S. Bowker,
 " A. Hoyt,
 " H. H. Carpenter,
 " A. J. Willard,
 W. P., P. G. S. Cushing.

Pittsfield Division, No. 47,

W. P., N. E. Green.

Mountain Spring Division, No. 49,

P. W. P., E. V. N. Harwood,
 " G. W. Kelly,
 " W. C. Durant,
 " W. F. Manley,

“ N. D. Clifford,
 “ A. Hitchcock,
 “ N. Rand,
 W. P., J. F. May.

Champlain Division, No. 52,

P. W. P., F. W. Olmsted,
 “ J. K. Ferre.

Negotia Division, No. 55,

P. W. P., Warren Gibbs.

Poultney Division, No. 59,

P. W. P., H. Shepard.

Orleans Division, No. 66,

P. W. P., Isaac N. Cushman.

Barton Division, No. 67,

P. W. P., M. Mansfield,
 “ J. P. Sartle.

Triad Division, No. 69,

P. W. P., S. N. Birge,
 “ J. S. Cilley,
 W. P., E. D. Bliss.

Mount Independence Division, No. 70,

W. P., C. M. Fletcher.

Respectfully submitted.

JUSTUS COBB,
 H. C. GRIDLEY, } *Committee.*
 M. WARE,

Adopted.

The G. Con. announced the following brothers in waiting, whose credentials having been approved, they were introduced and initiated in due form :

J. D. Woodward, J. N. Northrup, H. Shepard, T. W. Duncan, S. Houghton, A. Fuller, J. K. Ferre, F. W. Olmsted, A. S. Cook, S. Spencer, S. N. Birge, E. D. Bliss, W. Gibbs, A. Clark, H. Closson, N. E. Green, W. F. Smith, C. M. Fletcher.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The G. W. P. read the following

REPORT :

To the Grand Division S. of T., of Vermont :

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND DIVISION :—In the providence of God, we are here again assembled to legislate for the diffusion of

those great and benign principles, upon which our Institution rests. In reviewing the events of the past year, we see occasion for sincere congratulation, and devout thankfulness, that so much has been accomplished in our own and sister States, to curtail the traffic in intoxicating poisons; and that health and prosperity and peace reign, so generally throughout our jurisdiction.

As an order, God has given into our hands a great and good work; to guard the people from the dreadful ravages of Intemperance, and, if possible, to rid the State forever, of the infamous and abominable traffic in intoxicating drinks. This is the work, that God has given us in common with our fellow citizens, to perform. And as He has put into our hands the means of doing it, He will hold each and all of us responsible if we fail to put forth our entire strength and influence for its accomplishment. This great work, my brethren, is attended with most solemn responsibility; while at the same time it is most benignant and far reaching in its results.

With the light of past experience illuminating the future, we are prepared to labor with a more just appreciation of the evils to be avoided, the obstacles to be removed, the means to be employed, and the vast magnitude of the interests entrusted to our care.

It would be highly pleasing to me, brethren, to present to you at this time a general outline of the state of the Order in this jurisdiction; but as I have not received a sufficient number of reports from Deputies, relative to the condition of their respective Divisions, I must be permitted to refer you to the report of our Grand Scribe for the details and statistics of the progress of the Order.

It is very important, in my judgment, that full and accurate reports of the condition of every Subordinate Division under our jurisdiction should be forwarded, at least semi-annually, to the G. W. P. It will be recollected that all our Deputies were earnestly desired to forward to the G. W. P. a full report quarterly, in which they were requested to embrace the precise condition of their respective Divisions, and also such general information relative to the progress of temperance in their several localities, as they might deem useful and interesting. To all who have faithfully discharged their official duty in this respect, I tender my cordial acknowledgments.

In order more effectually to secure reports from Subordinate Divisions, I would direct the attention of the Grand Division to the expediency of taking definite action relative to this matter, at the present session. Our prosperity and efficiency as a temperance organization, would be greatly increased, if in addition to the usual appointment of a D. G. W. P. for each Division, a Deputy was also commissioned for every county. And then let the Grand Divi-

sion recommend to the County Deputies to call together the Deputies and such Representatives from Subordinate Divisions as the several Divisions shall designate for the service, for the organization of Quarterly Councils for mutual consultation upon the interests of Temperance and the Order ; and that full reports be forwarded semi-annually, to the G. W. P.

In this way much valuable information might be gathered up, and made available for future use, in carrying onward to complete triumph, our great and glorious enterprise. A plan like this, with such modifications as your wisdom and experience may suggest, could not fail of being productive of much good to the Order, and at the same time give opportunity for the brethren, in the several counties in the State, to co-operate with each other in canvassing their respective districts, and thus labor effectively in rousing up and concentrating public sentiment in favor of the great principles of the Temperance Reform. Besides, brethren, there are indications, not to be mistaken of that "good time coming," when the people of Vermont will arise in their might, and defend themselves by *stringent* and *thorough* legislation from the evils resulting from the infamous traffic in intoxicating poisons. Public sentiment is already awaking and concentrating in favor of the consummate wisdom, thoroughness and energy of the recent legislation against Rum, of our younger sister, Maine. Who shall be instrumental in effectually rousing up this public sentiment, and concentrating it upon this great question of thorough legislation ? Much of the responsibility, undoubtedly, rests upon us. The plan suggested will augment our power to act in union and harmony, when the emergency arrives, and consequently with efficacy and promptness. The favorable opportunities which such an arrangement would afford for the frequent and free interchange of thought and feeling among our brethren relative to our great work ; would furnish another argument for its adoption.

I would also suggest the propriety of holding but two sessions yearly of the Grand Division : one annual, the other semi-annual ; and that every Subordinate Division be earnestly requested to send, at least, one Representative to each of these sessions. An arrangement of this kind, in my view, would tend to promote our unity and harmony. Scattered as we are over a considerable extent of territory, it is often difficult for the brethren to attend our quarterly sessions so generally as would be desirable. Perhaps there would be a more general attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Division, if this plan were adopted, than by adhering to our former arrangement.

There is another important subject to which, I desire for a mo-

ment again to call the attention of the Grand Division. The illegal traffic in strong drinks, carried on clandestinely by some infamous persons in community should continue to receive our special attention, as at present it is one of the greatest obstacles in the way of the onward progress of temperance in Vermont. The law must be enforced as it is, until we can make it stronger. Let others do as they may, we should look to the secret and illegal traffic, carried on in our midst, and get all the evidence against it in our power, and then bring the offender at once before a magistrate, and let him suffer the just penalty of the law, for his infamous crimes. Let us do this now and continually, and not permit our energies to slumber in this important matter. There are no *insurmountable* obstacles in the way of the enforcement of the law. It is true there are *difficulties*, but *energy* and *perseverance* can overcome them. Let it not be said here at Montpelier, when we come, as I trust we soon shall to ask for a more efficient law, that we have not fairly tried the law as it is. While we thus urge the faithful and impartial enforcement of the law as it is, we say emphatically, that before we succeed in finally uprooting this murderous traffic from community, we must have a more efficient law, the penalties of which shall be in some degree proportionate to the magnitude of the offence,—a law which shall give authority, to those appointed to execute it, to seize and destroy all those destructive and poisonous compounds, which are brought illegally within our borders.

We have the example of our sister state in righteous legislation. May it encourage us, my brethren, to more patient and energetic labor, to indomitable perseverance, until by the blessing of God, we are permitted to stand upon the same broad and elevated platform, of just and far-seeing legislation, and contemplate the completion of our arduous and philanthropic work, and rejoice together in its benevolent results.

In submitting to this honorable body, my last official report, I must be allowed to express my deep regret that I have not been able to bring to the discharge of the duties of this office, that experience and undivided attention which are essential in an undertaking of so much magnitude, and importance.

It was with much reluctance that I accepted this trust at your hands, convinced as I was, that there were others, who could have brought to the work greater wisdom and more leisure for the discharge of its honorable, but arduous and responsible duties. My brethren will understand and appreciate the embarrassments which have attended my labors, and accept my grateful acknowledgments for the generous forbearance and consideration which they have ev-

er manifested toward my deficiencies in the discharge of my official duties.

R. A. SEVERANCE, G. W. P.

On motion of Bro. Chapman to refer the report of the G. W. P. to a committee of three on the State of the Order, it was so ordered, and Bros. Taft, Cobb and Fairbanks were appointed.

The committee appointed at the session in January last, to ascertain what property of Subordinate Divisions, surrendering or forfeiting their charters, should be surrendered to the Grand Division, asked leave to be discharged.

Granted.

On motion of Bro. Dewey, to appoint a committee of seven to nominate officers of the Grand Division for the year ensuing, it was so ordered, and Bros. Fairbanks, Robinson, S. Woodward, Duncan, Upham, Chapman and H. H. Woodward were appointed.

The vote referring the report of the G. W. P. to a committee of three on the State of the Order, was on motion, rescinded : and on motion of Bro. Robinson, so much of said report as relates to the appointment of Deputies and the holding of Quarterly Councils, was referred to a committee of three, Bros. Sanborn, Closson and Houghton ; so much as relates to holding semi-annual instead of quarterly sessions of the Grand Division, was referred to a committee of three, Bros. Robinson, Duncan and J. D. Woodward ; so much as refers to the traffic, was referred to a committee of three, Bros. Olmsted, Fairbanks and Cobb.

On motion of Bro. Tute, the Grand Division ordered and the chair appointed Bros. Sanborn, Burt and Taft a committee to recommend the times and places of holding the quarterly sessions of the Grand Division, the year ensuing.

The following communication from the Grand Division of New Hampshire was read and referred to a committee of three, Bros. Olmsted, Houghton and Tute.

GRAND DIVISION

SONS OF TEMPERANCE, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE, }
Nashua, August 20, 1851. }

To the Grand Division of Vermont :

WORTHY BROTHERS,—At the session of this Grand Division held in Concord July 23d, the following resolutions were adopted, and copy ordered to be forwarded to each Subordinate Division under

this jurisdiction, to each Grand Division, and to the National Division.

Resolved, That the recent vote of the National Division in refusing to repeal its previous action regarding the admission of colored persons as members of the order of the Sons of Temperance, renders it necessary for us to reiterate our former assertion that this action "is an attempt to create a rule that is in no way authorized by, or admissible under the Constitution of the legislative head of the Order," but on the contrary, in the language of P. M. W. P. Carey, we believe "*our labors of love and mercy know no limits but those which prescribe the wretchedness of man*"—and "*to bind the WHOLE FAMILY OF MAN with the triple cord of Love, Purity and Fidelity—and to make men better and consequently happier, is our high and holy calling.*"

Resolved, That this Grand Division hereby denies the legality of the rule of the National Division prohibiting the admission of colored persons as members of our Order; and therefore all Divisions under this jurisdiction WILL BE SUSTAINED in admitting all worthy persons as members of the Order, *whether they be white or black, whether they be the Red men of the Forest or the colored Sons of Africa.*

With Respect, Truly Yours,

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,

L. T. MERRILL, G. S.

After prayer by Bro. Duncan, the Grand Division took a recess till 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION, Oct. 15, 1851.

Grand Division called to order by G. W. P.

Prayer by G. Chaplain.

A communication from Phoenix Division, No. 38, was read, stating that the charter of said Division had been lost, and asking the Grand Division to grant them a new charter.

On motion, the petition was granted, and a new charter was directed to be furnished said Division, confirming all the rights and privileges enjoyed under their former charter.

The committee appointed to take into consideration so much of the G. W. P.'s report, as relates to the traffic in intoxicating drinks, by the chairman, asked leave to report at the next session of the Grand Division. Leave granted.

G. W. A., Lothian's bill of expenses in attending the eighth session National Division, presented and referred. The account of G. W. P. Severance for expenses incurred during the year past, was referred.

The committee on the resolutions of the Grand Division of New

Hampshire read a report, which, on motion, was referred back to the same committee.

The committee appointed to nominate officers of the Grand Division for the ensuing year, reported as follows :

For G. W. P., FRANKLIN W. OLMSTED, of Bridport,
 " G. W. A., WILLIAM SANBORN, of St. Johnsbury,
 " G. Scribe, WM. W. WELLS, of Waterbury,
 " G. T., JACOB DEWEY, of Middlebury,
 " G. Ch., Rev. R. A. HODGE, of Westford,
 " G. Con., RENSELEAR TUTE, of East Burke,
 " G. Sen., BENJAMIN W. BURT, of Castleton.

On motion of Bro. Dewey, the Grand Division proceeded to the election of its officers for the year ensuing, and the ballots having been separately taken, sorted and counted, each of the candidates nominated by the committee, were declared duly elected to the several offices designated above.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 16, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Division called to order by the G. W. P., and opened in due form.

The committee on the resolutions of the Grand Division of New Hampshire, presented the following report :

To the G. W. P. and Brothers of Grand Division S. of T. :

Your committee, who have had under consideration the communication of the Grand Division of New Hampshire, beg leave to report :

Your committee would recommend that said communication be entered on the minutes of this Grand Division ; and that the G. Scribe be directed to forward to the Grand Division of New Hampshire, a copy of our published minutes for 1850.

F. W. OLMSTED, }
 RENSELEAR TUTE, } *Committee.*

On motion, adopted.

The report of committee appointed to designate the times and places of the quarterly sessions, for the next year, read a report, which was amended and adopted as follows :

MONTPELIER, Oct. 16, 1851.

To the Grand Division of Vermont, now in session :

Your committee appointed to designate the places of meetings

for the coming year, would respectfully report as follows : The first quarterly session to be held at St. Johnsbury, on the day previous to the annual meeting of the Vermont State Temperance Society, in January next, at 6 o'clock, P. M. ; the second session to be held at Stowe, on the last Thursday of April next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. ; and the third session to be held at Castleton, on the last Thursday of July next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Respectfully submitted, in L., P. and F.

B. W. BURT,	} Committee.
WM. SANBORN,	
OWEN TAFT,	

Bro. Closson read the following report :

To the Grand Division S. of T. of Vermont :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the G. W. P., as relates to the appointment of a Deputy G. W. P. for each county, and for Deputy G. W. P. for each Division, and such delegates as the several Subordinate Divisions in each county may elect, and for their meeting within each county, within this State, *periodically*, for mutual consultation, and suggestions of such things as tends to the common prosperity of the said Divisions, have had the subject under consideration, and now beg leave to report, That they are not prepared to suggest a plan or recommend the adoption of the measure, but would respectfully recommend that the G. Scribe embody the proposition of the G. W. P. in the form of a Circular, and address one to each of the Subordinate Divisions within the State, with a request that they act upon it, either by approval or disapproval, and make returns thereof to the G. Scribe on or before the day of the next session of this Grand Division, so that thereby the sense of all the Subordinate Divisions may be ascertained, and that further action in the premises be suspended to the next session.

The committee would recommend this course because the measure if adopted, contemplates action and expense, on the part of such Subordinate Divisions. If they should not generally concur in the measure, no probable good would come out of it. If they should concur, it would be expected that they would give it their hearty co-operation.

It is therefore equally a matter of *policy* as well as *justice* toward the Divisions, that they pass upon the measure before its adoption by this body.

Matured, well digested, practicable rules of action should characterize all our legislation, and we should not be authorized to pre-

scribe very important and onerous duties upon the Subordinate Divisions without their consent.

H. CLOSSON, For committee.

On motion, agreed to.

Bro. Robinson read the following report :

To the Grand Division, S. of T. of Vermont :

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the G. W. P.'s report which related to holding the meetings of this Division semi-annually, beg leave to report, that it appears to them highly important that every Subordinate Division in the State should be at some season in the year represented in the Grand Division, and that should the regulation be made as recommended by the G. W. P., we consider it very doubtful as to whether many Divisions would be represented at all during the year. We further are of the opinion that such a course would retard the progress of the Order in the State nearly as much as the making of a change in Subordinate Division meetings to meet semi-monthly.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the Grand Division continue to meet quarterly.

Respectfully submitted, in L., P. and F.

C. ROBINSON,	} Committee.
T. W. DUNCAN,	
J. D. WOODWARD.	

On motion, agreed to.

P. G. W. P., S. P. Williams, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Grand Division proceeded to the installation of its officers elect.

P. G. W. P., Williams, presented the G. W. P. elect, to G. W. P., Severance, who administered the obligation of his office.

G. W. P., Olmsted, then administered the obligation to the other officers elect.

P. G. W. P., Severance, was then conducted by P. G. W. P., Williams, to the chair of the P. G. W. P.

On motion of Bro. Dewey, the Grand Division voted to elect Representatives to the National Division, and the following brothers were nominated and duly elected :

P. G. W. P.'s, THOMAS E. POWERS, of Woodstock,
SYLVESTER P. WILLIAMS, of Plattsburgh,
RALPH A. SEVERANCE, of Saxton's River,

P. G. W. A., ARMS D. PUTNAM, of Brattleboro,
" DANIEL LOTHIAN, of Stowe,

G. W. P., FRANKLIN W. OLMSTED, of Bridport,

G. W. A., WILLIAM SANBORN, of St. Johnsbury.

On motion of Bro. Cobb, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Division pay the expenses of *only one delegate* to the National Division, at the next annual session.

The Auditors reported the following bills correct:

Daniel Lothian, expenses attending 8th session N. D.,	\$24 50
Bishop & Tracy, 600 Blank Returns,	5 00
Henry Crane, for services rendered,	2 50

and they were ordered paid.

The Auditors reported the following account of P. G. W. P., Severance, correct and \$22,34 was appropriated in payment of the same.

R. A. Severance, G. W. P., in account with G. D. of Vermont.	
1851, January 16. To travelling expenses attending quarterly session at Middlebury,	\$4 80
April 22, do. do. Springfield,	1 25
July 24, do. do. Royalton,	5 85
October 15, do. annual session, Montpelier,	8 50
Cash for postage, \$1,55, Stationery, &c., 75, Express, \$1,47	3 77
“ one National Division Regalia,	6 00
	\$30 17

	Cr.	
By charter fee of Poultney Division,	\$5 00	
“ 1 B. B. and Cards,	2 00	
“ 2 Music Cards,	20	
“ 1 1-4 dozen music,	63	7 83
		\$22 34

The Auditors further report that they have examined the books of the G. S., and find the entries therein correct, and a balance in his hands July 1, 1851, of

Cash of Divisions for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1851,	96 45
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\$216 71

and that the G. S. has paid out during the same time, 179 63

Leaving in his hands Oct. 1, 1851,	\$37 08
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C. H. CHAPMAN,	} Auditors.
B. W. BURT,	
E. F. UPHAM,	

Bro. Robinson presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Division hereby appropriate a sum sufficient, to pay P. G. W. P.s', Smith, Powers and Williams, for

their expenses in attending the annual and quarterly sessions of the Grand Division, while they held the office of G. W. P., and direct the T. to pay the same.

On motion, laid on the table.

Bro. Chapman presented the following:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Division be tendered to the Vermont Lodge, No. 2, of the I. O. of O. F., located at Montpelier, for their liberal courtesy in granting us the use of their Hall at this session.

On motion, adopted unanimously.

On motion of Bro. Fairbanks, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to select some music adapted to the words during singing in this Grand Division, and that the G. S. be instructed to get the same printed on cards to the number of 50, for use in meetings.

Bros. Shepard, Sanborn and Fairbanks were appointed.

On motion by Bro. Fairbanks, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure the printing done for the Grand Division.

Bros. Wells, Dewey and Ferre appointed.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the G. W. P. is hereby requested to visit the several Subordinate Divisions, and engage in the Temperance Reform, among the people the coming winter, and in case of an impossibility to do this, to secure the services of some other distinguished fellow laborer, at the expense of this Grand Division.

On motion, laid upon the table.

The Grand Division took a recess till 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Division was opened in due form at 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M. G. W. P. in the chair.

The G. Con. announced in waiting Brothers I. N. Cushman and Edward Sheldon, who were introduced and received the obligation, and took their seats in the Grand Division.

On motion of Bro. Burt, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be cordially tendered to P. G. W. P., Severance for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, for the past year.

The G. S. ordered to procure a suitable room for the next annual session of the Grand Division, to be holden at Montpelier, on the first Wednesday after the second Thursday of October, 1852.

Five hundred copies of the Journal of 1851, ordered to be printed.

The business of the Grand Division being finished, it was closed in form.

WM. W. WELLS, G. S.

RETURNS.

Returns of 46 Divisions, for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1850.

Initiated,	124	
Withdrawn,	56	
Rejected,	3	
Suspended,	31	
Expelled,	63	
Violated Pledge,	41	
Reinstated,	11	
Violated 2d time,	6	
Deaths,	4	
Contributing members,	1928	
Initiation Fees and Dues,		\$1570 34
Percentage to Grand Division,		76 64
Paid for benefits,		466 00
Cash on hand and invested,		4292 39
Expenses, exclusive of benefits,		895 45

Returns of 48 Divisions, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1851.

Initiated,	443	
Withdrawn,	28	
Rejected,	11	
Suspended,	47	
Expelled,	54	
Violated Pledge,	22	
Reinstated,	11	
Violated 2d time,	3	
Deaths,	4	
Contributing members,	2060	
Initiation Fees and Dues,		\$2232 57
Percentage to Grand Division,		111 27
Paid for benefits,		478 37
Cash on hand and invested,		5582 54
Expenses, exclusive of benefits,		1070 00

Returns of 50 Divisions, for the Quarter, ending June 30, 1851.

Initiated,	243	
Withdrawn,	35	
Rejected,	11	
Suspended,	18	
Expelled,	61	
Violated Pledge,	37	
Reinstated,	13	
Violated 2d time,	4	
Deaths,	1	
Contributing members,	2112	
Initiation Fees and Dues,		\$1724 68
Percentage to Grand Division,		86 21
Paid for benefits,		337 13
Cash on hand and invested,		6197 84
Expenses, exclusive of benefits,		1012 65

Returns of 47 Divisions, for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1851.

Initiated,	79	
Withdrawn,	32	
Rejected,	7	
Suspended,	36	
Expelled,	77	
Violated Pledge,	39	
Reinstated,	18	
Violated 2d time,	5	
Deaths,	1	
Contributing members,	1947	
Initiation Fees and Dues,		\$1346 63
Percentage to Grand Division,		68 28
Paid for benefits,		370 00
Cash on hand and invested,		6126 91
Expenses, exclusive of benefits,		538 44
No. public temperance meetings held,	13	
No. temperance tracts distributed,	487	

GRAND SCRIBE'S ACCOUNT.

WM. W. WELLS, G. S., in account with Grand Division, S.
of T. of Vermont.

1850.			Dr.
Oct. 1,	To balance from last Quarter,		\$129 25
Dec. 30,	" cash of Divisions,		83 82
		Cr.	
Oct. 22.	By P. G. W. P., Powers receipt,	\$18 00	
Nov. 7.	" balance acct. to N. Division,	15 10	
	" P. G. W. A., Putnam's receipt,	13 00	
	" P. G. W. P., Williams', do.	5 00	
	" Bro. Jacob Dewey's do.	5 00	
	" J. A. Somerby do. printing,	3 00	
Dec. 31,	" Stationery,	1 88	
	" postage acct,	6 85	
	" 1 quarter's salary,	25 00	
	" balance to new account,	120 94	
			\$213 07
1851.			Dr.
Jan. 1.	To balance from last quarter,	120 94	
March 31.	" cash of Divisions,	148 88	
			269 07
		Cr.	
March 31.	By Stacy, Richardson & Co.'s bill,	12 53	
	" Eli Ballou's "	6 50	
	" C. W. Slack's "	100 00	
	" " bill expenses,	29 45	
	" National Division's bill books,	33 50	
	" Jacob Dewey's acct.,	1 75	
	" Express account,	3 50	
	" postage "	4 75	
	1 quarter's salary,	25 00	
	" balance to new account,	52 10	
			269 07

April 1.		Dr.	
	To balance from last quarter,		52 10
June 30.	" cash of Divisions,		125 51
			177 61
		Cr.	
June 30.	By percentage to National Division,	17 35	
	" balance acct. to "	1 00	
	" J. A. Somerby's acct. printing,	1 50	
	" Stationery,	1 75	
	" postage account,	8 50	
	" Express "	2 25	
	" 1 quarter's salary,	25 00	
	" balance to new acct.,	120 26	
			177 61
		Dr.	
July 1.	To balance from last quarter,		120 26
Sept. 30.	" cash of Divisions,		96 45
			216 71
		Cr.	
Sept. 30.	By P. G. W. P., Williams' receipt,	26 00	
	" G. W. P., Severance "	33 00	
	" G. W. A., Lothian's "	24 50	
	" Barrett & Cobb's "	59 00	
	" postage account	9 25	
	" Express "	2 88	
	" 1 quarter's salary,	25 00	
	" balance on hand,	37 08	
			216 71

Wm. W. WELLS, G. S.

Montpelier, October 1, 1851.

